



By his Highness the Lord Protectors Council  
for the Affairs of Ireland.



Whereas by a Declaration of the late Commissioners of the Commonwealth, bearing date the 17 day of July 1654. and by another Declaration of the Lord Deputy and Council, bearing date the 23 of May 1655 All Irish Papists inhabiting within that part of the County of Dublin that lyeth on the Southside of the Liffe, and in any part of the Counties of Wicklo, Wexford and Kildare, and so much of the County of Catterlough as lyeth on the Northside of the River Barrow, (other than such as should be licenced by the persons therein named) should (by a time long since elapsed) remove themselves and families out of the said limits, and in default thereof be proceeded against at a Court Martiall as Spies, &c. And whereas the Council are rather desirous that no means might be left unattempted which may tend to the allowing to the said Irish such Immunities and Priviledges as were equall with the English Protestants in this Nation, then to inflict such penalties upon them as are mentioned in the said Declarations, Have thought fit hereby to order and declare, that all such of the said Irish inhabiting within those parts of the Counties of Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford, Kildare, and Catterlough, as is above recited, who shall forthwith really and truly conform to the Protestant Religion, and shall within six months after take the ensuing Abjuration, viz. I A. B. do abjure and renounce the Popes Supremacy and authority over the Catholick Church in generall, and over my self in particular; And I do believe that there is not any Transubstantiation in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, or in the Elements of Bread and Wine after Consecration thereof by any person whatsoever; And I do also believe that there is not any Purgatory; or that the Consecrated Hoast, Crucifixes or Images, ought to be worshipped, or that any Worship is due unto any of them; And I also believe that salvation cannot be merited by works; And all doctrines in affirmation of the said Points, I do abjure and renounce without any equivocation, Mentall Reservation, or secret-evasion whatsoever, taking the words by me spoken, according to the common and usuall meaning of them. *So help me God.* (Which Oath (after some fitting admonition touching the substance thereof) is to be tendered and administered by two Justices of the Peace of that Countie, and in the presence of some one or more Minister of the Gospell, to such onely of the said Irish, with whose reall Conversion they are satisfied as aforesaid, returning their names, and places of aboad unto this Board,) Such onely of the said Irish Papists that are converted, and shall or have taken the said Oath as aforesaid, are hereby declared to be wholly dispensed with from Transplantation into the Province of Connaught: or County of Clare, and that they be permitted to reside and inhabit within the said Counties, and enjoy the like Protection, Priviledges, and Immunities equall with the English of this Nation according to Law. Provided nevertheless that this Priviledge do not extend to any of the said persons that are to be dispensed with as aforesaid, who being under the age of twenty, and above eleaven years do not speak and use the English tongue onely within one year after publication hereof; nor to any Parents or Guardians, who shall not teach, or cause the English tongue to be taught unto their Children, or those under their charge before they come to the age of twelve years, Nor to any person that shall not conform to the English habit, nor to any Proprietor, or any of his Sons, or Brothers, or to the Sons of the Brothers of any Proprietors, or to the next heire of any Proprietor, Nor to such as have borne Armes on the Irish Party.

And to the end the said Irish may be the better instructed in the true Protestant Religion, and give evidence of their candide and ingenuious compliaunce thereunto It is further ordered, that all the said Irish inhabiting within four miles of any publick meeting place, where the Gospell is or shall be preached, do from time to time repair thither to hear the Word every Lords day, And that those of the said Irish who live within six miles of such places, do repair to such publick meeting place every other Lords day at least. And where the said Irish shall dwell at a further distance from the said places of worship, they are to repaire thither to hear, one Lords day in every moneth at the least; And the said Irish are hereby required to bring their Children to be Catechised by the Minister, so often, and to such places as he shall appoint, and to cause them to learn in the English tongue the Catechism without Book which the said Minister shall teach.

And it is hereby further ordered and declared, that no Irish be spoken or discoursed by any of the persons aforesaid, who